

**BEFORE THE
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter)	
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Federal Communications Commission)	
)	WC Docket 05-337
Iowa Telecom Services, Inc.'s Petitions Seeking)	
Forbearance from or Waiver of the Commission's)	
Universal Rules to Permit it to be Eligible for)	
Universal Service Support Under the High-Cost)	
Mechanism for Non-Rural Carriers)	

EX PARTE COMMENTS OF THE IOWA UTILITIES BOARD

The Iowa Utilities Board (IUB) submits these comments in response to the Public Notice inviting comments on Iowa Telecom Service, Inc.'s petition for forbearance from enforcement of and petition for waiver of Sections 36.01-631, 54.305, 54.309, 54.313, and 54.314 of the Commission's rules to the extent necessary to permit Iowa Telecom to be eligible for high-cost universal service support under the non-rural high-cost mechanism. The IUB wishes to clearly affirm its support for the petitions filed by Iowa Telecom.

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Respectfully submitted,

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